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TORRANCE TORNADO IN DEAD HEAT WITH INDIANA CHAMPION

Youngest Distance Runner In the World Makes Good All Predictions; Sizzling Finish Lands Him Berth on Olympic Team

The thrill of a lifetime came to the residents of Torrance who were sitting with their ears glued to the radio Sunday morning, waiting for the broadcast of the 5000-meter run at Randall's Field, New York, where the pride of the city was competing with the class of the country for a berth on the United States Olympic team.

Hearts skipped a beat when the announcer in his first mention of the race failed to name Louis Zamperini as one of the runners. Wild conjectures flashed through minds. Had the boy succumbed to the terrific heat and failed to enter? Was he trailing the field? What had happened?

Phoos on Swimmers
Minutes passed while the radio man droned on about a swimming meet that nobody in Torrance cared a hoot about, and finally he switched back to the runners and gave the positions.

Zamperini was running sixth. More about the swimmers. More groans and curses from Torrance. Would he ever get back to that race. He did. And the race was nearing its sizzling finish. Lash was leading. Lash was dropping back. Bright was fading. Zamperini was fourth. Zamperini was third. Zamperini was unleashing his drive. Look at that boy come. Zamperini was leading Lash by yards. And now Lash is coming up. He's overhauling the Torrance boy, but Zamperini is still in front. It's a finish fight the like of which had not been seen in the entire meet. Zamperini wins, says the announcer, and calls the Torrance boy to the microphone, where he gasps out his greetings to his friends in Torrance.

Town Goes Wild
The town is wild with excitement and joy as the youngest distance runner in the world makes good all the predictions of the past two years and clinches his berth on the Olympic team.

Before the crowd can get its breath after the thrilling finish, the announcer reverses himself and says the judges have awarded first place to Lash, with Zamperini second and Thomas Decker of Indiana third. In the evening had been developed and the judges had time to study them the result

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Grass Fires Keep Firemen Busy Marathoning Over the Foothills

Everybody has heard about the one-armed paper hanger with the livers who is trying to paste three-sheet bills in a high wind. He's plenty busy.

"Well, he had nothing on us Sunday night, or rather Monday morning," said Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson. "This outfit has never been so busy in its life as it was from midnight Sunday until 5:30 Monday morning."

"How come?" says the inquisitive news snooter.

It Was Windy
"Well, we got called out to the Graham Bros. Sand and Gravel pits, down in the Palos Verdes foothills where the buildings that set back in a canyon off the highway were all on fire. The place has been abandoned for at least four years, so nobody knows what set it afire, but it was sure burning."

"We hunted around for a hydrant and couldn't find any, so we just had to watch it burn. But that wasn't what caused us to be so busy. It was the dog-gone wind."

Marathon Begins
"Every time a gust of wind came it was just like a whirlpool, or maybe I should say a whirlwind. And, all those red coals and little pieces of that tinder-dry building would sail up into the air and come down all over the hills. Every place they lit a grass fire started. We

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Zamperini Ties For First



The above photo by the United Feature Syndicate, special by airmail to the Torrance Herald, shows the finish of the 5000-meter run at Randall's Field, New York, Sunday, when Louis Zamperini was given a tie with the great Don Lash of Indiana. Louie's whirlwind sprint and eyelash finish electrified the crowd of 22,000 people in the stands and to many observers it appeared that he had won by inches.

Louie Says He Won

Lead Lash By Four Inches At the Tape, But the Judges Gave Champion Break

Louis Zamperini, in a letter to Bob Lewellen Tuesday, says he does not think they like western athletes back in New York. He says, "I beat Lash by four inches or further as you can see in both papers." (Sport pages from the Daily News and Daily Mirror, New York tabloids, were

enclosed.) "The green paper (Mirror) came out first, then after showing the movies in a downtown theatre when even at that they couldn't tell who won, they decided to call it a tie. . . . Bright could not finish fast because the whole bottom of his feet was coming off. It was a very hot day and the spikes raising friction by the constant contact with the rough cinders created a terrific amount of heat that raised blisters on everybody's feet, but Bright could have placed in there a good third if he hadn't had such terrible shoes on."

Sprints 110 Yards
"On the home stretch coming in I had to sprint around Decker and Lash both. We were all on the curve at the same time. Decker inside, Lash next and me on the outside, where I sprinted 110 yards in with Lash. We were almost even all the way. I was a slight six inches in the lead coming down the stretch."

"The coaches out here thought Lash couldn't be beaten in the sprint and that's why I chose him first." (Apparently that refers to the start of the race which radio listeners missed out on while the announcer was broadcasting about the swimming meet.)

Louie Is King
"After that race I was invited to every dinner and luncheon in New York. They treated me like a king. I got 16 telegrams from different people who thought I ran a good race. "I ate in a sky scraper dining room" (probably that evening) "where it cost two of us, the fellow who took me and I, \$7.00. Boy, what a snazzy place. "I am going down to see the movies and see how I ran. I hope you will keep going to the movies and see if you can see me."

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He'll Run Harder In Berlin!

Telegram to The
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Monday Morning.

New York, N. Y.
July 13, 1936.

Torrance Herald,
Torrance, Calif.
Judges called it a tie. Leave
noon Wednesday for Berlin.
Will run harder in Berlin.
Louis Zamperini.

Mrs. Glasow Is Laid to Rest At Angelus Abbey

Pioneer Resident of Lomita Passes Away At Her Home Friday

Christian Science services, with Mrs. Gertrude Watts of San Pedro as reader, were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Angelus Abbey for Mrs. Clara Dean Glasow, 74, who passed away at her home, 25706 Eshelman avenue, Lomita, on Friday, July 10. Mrs. Glasow had been in ill health for a long time. She had been a resident of this section for a number of years, coming to California in 1910 when the family settled in Lancaster. They moved to Lomita in 1915 and remained there until 1930 when they came to Torrance and were residents of this city until 1935. Since that time Mrs. Glasow and her daughter Pearl have resided at the Lomita address.

She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Alice Dalton and Mrs. Halle McQuaid, of Torrance, and Miss Pearl Glasow of the home address. Her husband preceded her in death about a year ago.

Lower Insurance Rates Forecast

Substantial reductions in fire insurance rates in Torrance may be expected following completion of the survey now being made by an inspector for the state board of fire underwriters, Mayor Stanger informed the city council Tuesday evening. This welcome news was given him, Stanger said, by the inspector for the fire underwriters.

All the provisions outlined two years ago by the fire underwriters as necessary to effect a lower insurance rate have been complied with, and filing of the report and recommendation for a lower rate await only the action of the city on its proposed plan to erect a new fire hall, the mayor stated. A standby water supply is provided by the Los Angeles municipal water department, he stated, at no cost to the city.

According to well-informed federal officials, Torrance will receive approval of its request for a 45 percent PWA grant with which to erect the new fire hall. The city's portion of the cost of the building will be paid out of the general fund without the necessity of passing a bond issue, Mayor Stanger stated.

CITY WORKERS to get vacations WITH PAY

A week's vacation with pay will be given to all city employees working for hourly wages, providing they have been employed for a year or more, according to action by the Torrance city council Tuesday evening. The vacations will not entail any increase in the budget, it was announced. Salaried employees of the city have received regular vacation periods with pay for a number of years.

LONG BEACH SYMPHONY TO GIVE FREE CONCERT WEDNESDAY

Public Invited to Auditorium For Evening of Music By Group of 43 Musicians and Chorus of 26 Voices

A musical program of outstanding merit will be given gratuitously to the music-loving public of Torrance and vicinity next Wednesday, July 22, at the Torrance civic auditorium by the Long Beach Symphony Concert Orchestra and Chorus, a federal music project. The program was arranged by Mayor Stanger and the public will be admitted without charge.

The Long Beach concert orchestra is composed of 43 musicians and the chorus contains 26 voices. Many of the members of the orchestra and chorus are well known artists possessing exceptional talents. A very interesting two-hour program has been arranged beginning at 8 p. m., according to Mayor Stanger.

In commenting upon the concert given by federal music projects, a prominent Los Angeles critic said recently, "It is difficult for the fortunate few to realize what such projects mean to countless numbers whose financial position does not permit them to pay the high fees generally required for tickets to concerts by commercial musical organizations. Let us get behind the federal music project and help place on a permanent basis the first constructive attempt toward a national cultural program that this country has undertaken."

In commenting upon the concert next Wednesday evening, Mayor Stanger said, "We are indeed grateful to the Long Beach symphony and chorus for their kind offer to play for the people of Torrance, and we are sure a highly enjoyable evening is in store for us."

Vierling Kersey May Be Contender For Job As Successor to Bouelle

Vierling Kersey, state superintendent of schools, will be a strong contender for the position of superintendent of the Los Angeles public schools, it was assured this week with a statement from George W. McDill, member of the board of education, that McDill will support him.

ANALYSIS OF corporation tax AVAILABLE

Available to anyone who calls for them at the offices of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, several copies of an analysis of the new federal corporation tax, made by the business service department of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, have been received.

Under the new measure, passed in the concluding days of the last session of Congress and signed by the President, any corporation earning an annual net income of \$2,000 or less will pay a federal tax of 8 percent, or \$160, on if it is all distributed. If none of it is distributed, the tax is \$288.50, with varying amounts for the degree of distribution. The analysis, and how much will be paid on each bracket, shows the tax for all incomes from \$2,000 to \$10,000,000.

Doll Show Date Is Announced

Date of the doll show, announced last week to be held the first week in August, has been definitely fixed for Thursday, Aug. 6, and all who plan to enter should get in touch with the recreation department supervisors at once. Mrs. Cora Bohrer, Mrs. Annie Wilson, of the local center, and Mrs. Dixie Sexton, of Waverly, are in charge of registrations. A number of prizes will be given and the winning dolls will be displayed in a downtown bank.

Exhibit Water Colors At Library

Torrance public library will feature, beginning tomorrow, an exhibit of water colors executed by artists of the Federal Arts Project.

Through the interest of the government in furthering the arts, these works are available to any tax-supported building in the district in which they are produced, simply on agreement to frame and hang them where they can be enjoyed by the public. On the Federal Arts Project quite a variety of water colorists have found employment; some are well-beloved. Among those represented in this exhibition are Dana Bartlett, who belongs to the early Los Angeles group of painters and was the first president of the California Art Club, and young Phyllis Shields, who has recently settled in Lancaster. They moved to Lomita in 1915 and remained there until 1930 when they came to Torrance and were residents of this city until 1935. Since that time Mrs. Glasow and her daughter Pearl have resided at the Lomita address.

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M'DONALD TR. FOLKS SWARM ON CITY DADS

Council to Visit Tract Friday to Study Hog Ranches, Paving, Lights, Water

Seating capacity of the city's new council chamber was taxed to the limit Tuesday evening as a large delegation from the McDonald Tract came to protest the location of a hog ranch near the corner of 182d street and Prairie avenue.

However, before the time for hearing oral communications arrived when protestants could voice their objections, much of the fire of their indignation had subsided, due to the final enactment of an ordinance with rules and regulations governing the erection and operation of hog ranches within the city of Torrance.

The ordinance, printed elsewhere in this issue, requires a permit each year and an annual license fee of \$12. Any permit may be suspended upon recommendation of the city's live stock inspector, and permits are granted or revoked by vote of the city council. The ordinance

Torrance Folk In Sacred Concert

The Lutheran Choral Union and Junior Choral Union of Southern California, under the direction of Rev. Alvin A. Sneerud, pastor of the Los Angeles Lutheran church at 14th and Oak streets, will present a sacred concert at the Hollywood Bowl, Sunday evening, July 26, at 8 o'clock. The Choral Union is composed of Lutheran choirs from cities north to Santa Barbara and south to San Diego, with some 600 voices. The Junior Choral Union is made up of children's choirs, about 400 voices. Soloists for the evening will be Gertrude Boe Overby, soprano soloist of St. Olaf's choir; Wade Lane, baritone, and Arlington Nuetzel, Jr., 11-year-old boy soprano of Cathedral Choir, St. Louis.

Torrance members of the Choral Union are Mrs. H. P. Nelson, Mrs. C. Mearing, Rev. and Mrs. Frank D. Meehling; and of the children's choir, Dorothy Leetz, Jean Lovelady, Charles Jolly, Ruth Kerber, Roland Carlson and Wayne Lovelady.

CITY WATER not hard says ENGINEER

Water now furnished Torrance consumers from the new municipal water district wells is softer than that supplied by the Dominguez Water Company, F. R. Leonard, city engineer, reported to the city council Tuesday.

In response to several inquiries regarding the alleged hardness of the water, Leonard stated that he had had an analysis made by Smith-Emery Company. Tests made of water taken from the high tank after treatment showed it to contain 8.85 parts hardness per 1,000 gallons. This is two points softer than the water from the Dominguez wells, Leonard stated.

Comparisons of water in near-by communities revealed that Torrance water is softer than any of them excepting the Quandt and Edison company wells which tested only 1/2 point softer.

The figures as submitted by Leonard from the Smith-Emery report gave the following degrees of hardness per 1,000 gallons:

TORRANCE	8.85 parts
Inglewood	17.8 parts
Hawthorne	9.6 extra
Athens	12.5 parts

Changes Made In Fire Department

Several changes in the personnel of the Torrance fire department were confirmed at the meeting of the city council Tuesday night, which adds one regular engineer and three call men to the force. James Brodie, who is now occupied with other duties about the municipal buildings, and Oscar Butterfield, city electrical and plumbing inspector, have been taken off the call list.

W. C. Silence has resigned his position as manager at the Coast Insulating Company to take the job as engineer under civil service rules. Jack Leggate and Gordon Northington have been added to the call list in Torrance, and James Lowther and Roy Wilson are new call members of the Walteria department.